

**REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, Claims 1-15 have been canceled, and new Claims 16-18 have been added. New Claims 16-18 have been copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,482,571 ("the '571 patent"), which issued on November 19, 2002. As such, Applicants have complied with 35 U.S.C. §135(b). Applicants are still in the process of determining whether a Request for Interference with the '571 patent will be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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